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1. [REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE Russ Rourke, in the office of John O. Marsh, Counsellor to the President, called concerning a letter to Robert Hartmann, Counsellor to the President, concerning some problem which involves [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. Instead of trying to handle this inquiry by remote contact, it was agreed that Mr. Rourke would forward it to us for our review and comments.

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2. [REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE [REDACTED] OCI, called to alert us to the fact that he will have an item in the Annex of the Intelligence Checklist tomorrow on Soviet defense expenditures. He suggests that we make a point of calling the staff chiefs of our CIA Subcommittees to direct their particular attention to this item. He also suggested that we contact Senator William Proxmire's (D., Wis.) staff and arrange to brief them on our latest information on this subject.

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I subsequently called Ron Tammen, on Senator Proxmire's staff, and arranged for [REDACTED] OCI, to brief Tammen and Mr. Kaufmann, also of Senator Proxmire's staff, at 1000 hours tomorrow morning. Tammen said that Senator Proxmire undoubtedly would have wanted to attend but is totally preoccupied with the current economic situation involving the city of New York. It may develop that we may provide a separate briefing to Senator Proxmire at a later date.

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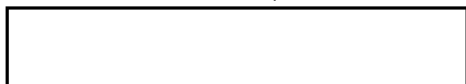
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3. [REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE [REDACTED] DC/AF, called and said he is pulling together some briefing material for the Director's appearance before the House Select Committee on Thursday, 23 October 1975, on the subject [REDACTED] is preparing a substantive paper but would like some data from our files on the dates on which the various committees were briefed on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will need this material by Wednesday.

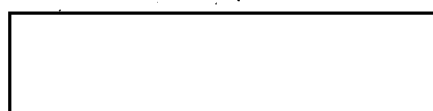
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4. [ ] BRIEFING Accompanied [ ] OCI, to a meeting with Representative Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) for the purpose of providing him with a background briefing on Korea in anticipation of his travel to the country next week with a group of congressional Korean veterans. The session was interrupted several times by quorum [ ] interested and expressed

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I took this opportunity to brief the Congressman on the letter we had received from Representative Alan Steelman (R., Texas) regarding a constituent inquiry as to [ ] I showed Mr. Nedzi a copy of the letter we proposed to sent to Mr. Steelman which he agreed with and also said he would be happy to talk with Mr. Steelman, as suggested in the letter.

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I mentioned to Mr. Nedzi that [ ] was providing information to Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, to assist him in responding to Chairman Otis G. Pike's (D., N. Y.) letter to Chairman Melvin Price (D., Ill.) on the subject of covert action briefings. Mr. Nedzi was aware of the Pike letter.

I mentioned to the Congressman the contacts we have received from the Senate Select Committee requesting our Journal items on congressional briefings and the requests we have received for access on the part of the SSC staffers for our Memoranda for the Record on these sessions. I told the Congressman we are regarding these memoranda as privileged documents which we are holding in custody for the various committees and suggest that if the Select Committees desire access to them, they should make their requests known to the oversight committees concerned.

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5. [ ] LIAISON Spoke with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, about the inquiry we have received from the Senate Select Committee regarding our Memoranda for the Record and transcripts of the briefings of our congressional committees. I told him what position we were taking with these requests and he agreed completely.

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